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ONE DOLLAR

How's that for a HEADSTART!

Dear Lure Coursing News Subscriber:

When we got this issue of Lure Coursing News back from the printer, we were very disappointed in the quality of the printing. We were appalled by the front cover.

We didn't want to hold up the issue for a week to reprint the cover and we didn't want to send out a lousy product, either. We finally decided on what you see--Lure Coursing News as it came from the printer and our apology and regrets for sending this lowly product to you.

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Bud and Roberta Pine

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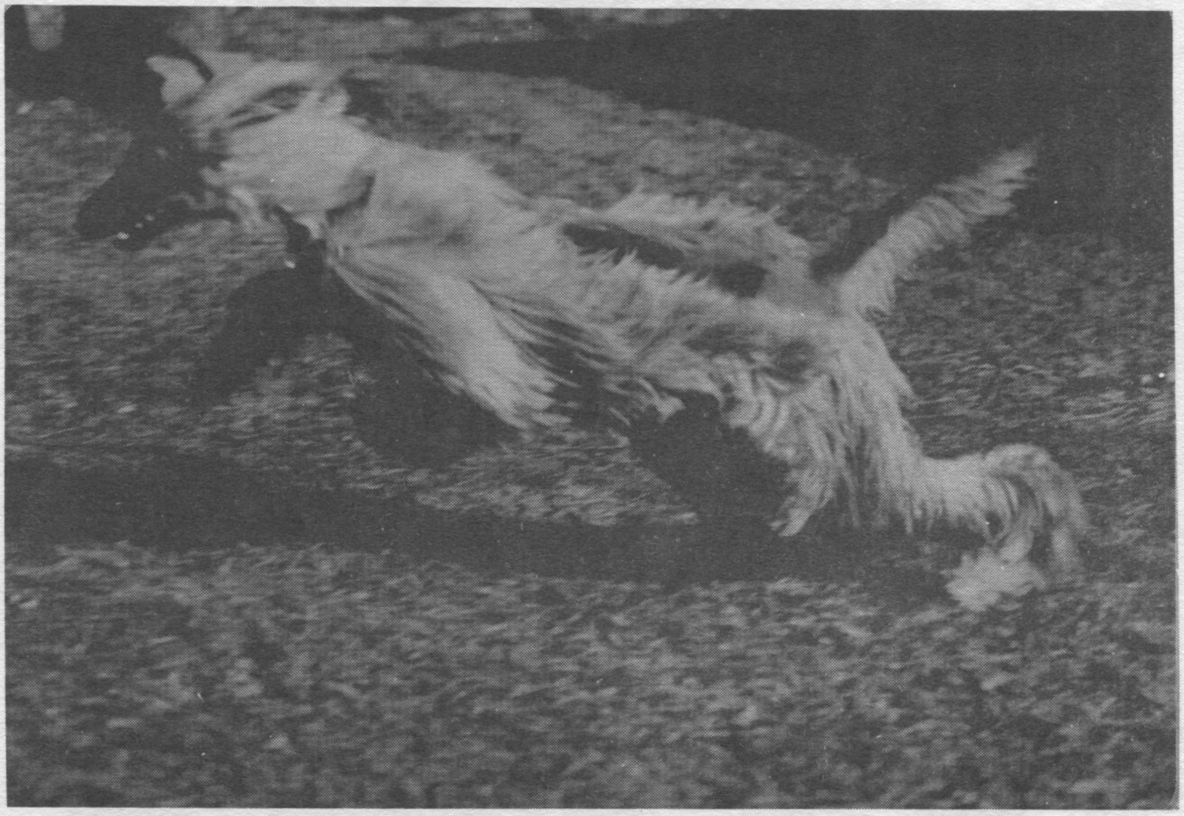

Photo by Shelley Hennessy.

The TOTAL AFGHAN competes in all fields!

CONFORMATION - SOY has both majors, under respected breeder-judges, Kay Finch, and Sandy Schwartz.

OBEDIENCE - SOY completed his C.D. with scores of 191, 1891/2, 191, and 195 (2nd place). He recently earned his first leg on his C.D.X. with a score of 195, for 3rd place in Open B!

COURSING - SOY went 3rd in his stake, for 20 pts., at his first ASFA meet. Included in his individual scores were a 99 and a perfect 100!

CONGRATULATIONS also, to Match Group Winning CHAPARRAL PAGAN OF DUREIGH AM. CAN. C.D., who earned 30 ASFA pts. by going 2nd in her stake at the first Midwest Coursing Club Licensed Meet. Pagan, also, recently earned the first leg on her C.D.X. with a 188!

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Back Cover Story

This seems to be a very appropriate photo for the back cover. Shown are from left to right Howard Spivak, Ken Gorske and Wendy Waller. This photo was taken by Roberta Pine at the American Saluki Association (of which Ken is the President) lure course at Santa Barbara in July 1975.

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Form Plus Function

Ch. DOMINO ALLEGRO, C. D.

in her first Lure Field Trial in over two years, won First Place over two Field Champions. She now have 70 ASFA points. Her daughter HAITU HAPPY TRAILS AGATE, F. CH. won Best of Breed from the F. CH. stake the same day, August 2, 1975.

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Whelped September 10, 1967
NBQ-Mixed Stake Sept. 24, 1972
Fourth-Mixed Stake Jan. 21, 1973

Companion Dog Title Nov. 16, 1969
Third-Breed Stake Dec. 2, 1972
Whelped her litter May 10, 1973

Domino raced consistently placing many times in the Top Ten. She also has a "kill" to her credit on the Open Field Coursing record books.

Agate was also Best of Breed and subsequent Best in Field over very strong competition Oct. 26, 1975.

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Editorial - Judging Criteria. Is it time for a change?

Is there any lure coursing enthusiast around today who is not unhappy with the quality of judging? I sincerely believe that all lure coursing judges take the responsibility very seriously and that they diligently make every possible attempt to pick the best coursing hounds in each stake. But! How often have YOU felt that they really failed to pick the best?

Perhaps it is time to get back to basics. And basically what the sport needs is a clear concise, simple, understandable, and describeable definition of what the best coursing hound will be doing on the field.

The Irish Coursing Club - in their Irish Greyhound Stud Book Volume 1, published in 1923 - does a very fine job of providing us with just such a definition. The following quotation is a slightly paraphrased version of what they had to say over 50 years ago.

> " Principles of Judging - The judge shall decide all courses upon the one uniform principal that the hound which does the most toward catching the game during the continuance of the course is to be the winner."

This 50 year old principle can be directly applied to lure coursing today. The hound that is closest to the game is doing more work toward catching the game than is either of the other hounds. The rabbit in the open field will simply run in a straight line until one of his pursuers gets close. And, when one of the hounds really start to press the rabbit, the rabbit better turn. The hound that is 50 yards behind the lead hound is obviously not doing very much if any of the work toward catching the game. And, even though he might be the one to make the kill , the hound doing the majority of the work is the better courser.

So, stated very simply, the hound that is closest to the lure - ON THE AVERAGE - over the length of the course is doing the most of the work and he should be the winner of the course. If one of the three hounds in a course is in the lead for the whole course, then isn't it is pretty clear that he should be the winner of the course? Most people would readily agree. The problem occurs when there isn't such a sharp difference in skill between the hounds. We have all seen the small agile hound pitted against the bigger and faster hound. The faster hound gets out to a quick 5 or 10 yard lead on the first straightaway, but loses the lead, just as quickly, on the first turn where the agile hound is able to make the turn quicker than his faster opponent. But, on the next straightaway - there is the faster hound passing the slower more agile one.

Which is the better courser? Well, it depends. It depends on how competently each of them are. If the agile one, due to his own ability and not simply due to his getting to cut all of the corners, gets an enormous lead on each and every turn and keeps the lead for most of the next straightaway, then the winner of the course should be the agile hound. Why you ask - when the other hound was so much faster? Because the more agile hound was doing most of the work at catching the lure. Maybe he wasn't as fast, but he was sure doing a better job at pressing the game.

It is very important to not incorrectly attribute agility to a hound simply because they go into the lead after a turn. On many turns - particularly when the lead hound is close to the lure going into the turn - the hounds that are following behind are able to gain many yards on the lead hound. This is possible because they get to cut the corner while the lead hound cannot. In general - in my opinion - no credit whatsoever should be given to a following hound that is more than 15 to 20 yards behind the lead hound. There is almost no way that the slow hound that is this far behind, can possibly keep from taking the lead momentarily. Credit the hounds when their performance warrants it, but not otherwise.

This suggested definition doesn't solve all of the problems, but it sure could help. One way of applying it might be to set up 5 or 6 checkpoints throughout the course, and score each of the hounds on whether they were first, second or third. If the checkpoints were picked carefully and intelligently, this might well be a sufficiently understandable and objective way to determine the winners in a course. It would be desirable to make the scoring variable - depending upon how much of a lead the first hound had, etc. Also, since the lure operator can make or break the lead hound, it would be desirable to compensate for this by putting some human judgement into the scoring.

These ideas are definately not mine alone. They are - to a nontrivial degree - based upon the ideas of at least two other avid lure coursing enthusiast who judge regularly - Don Papin and Ernie Rickard. Don, in making his judging decisions, has used the concept of looking at which hound is doing the most of the work. Discussions with Don have helped me to clarify and refine my thoughts on the subject. Ernie has been bending the ears of everyone who would listen to him about his notions of separate judges for separate segments of the course. Since the quality of judging needs so much improvement, isn't it time we seriously consider - ALL - proposals? I encourage Don and Ernie in particular and everyone else in general to write and comment on the subject "How to improve our judging!". We all want to make improvements in our sport, and the quality of the judging is the most important improvement we can make.

Letters on lure coursing

We like to share your letters with other enthusiasts and unless you say otherwise, (such as a P.S.), we may put you in print. This includes your letters addressed to Lure Tronic Company as well as to LURE COURSING NEWS, Syr Darya Salukis and just plain Bud and Roberta. Please let us know if you don´t want to be published.

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Dear Bud,

Just a short note to let know that Lure Coursing is becoming the thing to do Sunday mornings in Winnipeg. We had our third meet this morning and ran till it became too warm.

Everytime we meet more dogs and diffenent people appear. We have progressed to the point of almost being organized. So far we have had about two dozen different gazehounds participating with the exception of a whippet and each has excelled at one point or another.

As a breeder of Irish Wolfhounds I feel it very important that my dogs and those I produce function in the field. Lure Coursing certainly exposes the "Blue Prints" of many of the hounds.run follow the example of those who have and finally all the veterans. Perhaps some of our methods are detrimental to Lure Coursing but our main objective is to have fun with our dogs. Sometimes we may have six or more dogs running at the same time (usually Deerhounds and Irish Wolfhounds) and have never had a curled lip or extra curricular activity, during the chase. We have found with this particular group run that the novices who are participating have the opportunity to recover if they should lose sight of the lure. Our very casual format has made coursing very appealing and we hope to have our first real meet late this fall.

Being that we are still "practicing", we have tried to make it exciting and fair to all who participate. One new thing we tried this morning was including a hill in the middle of the run. It provided an excellent format for the dogs and good viewing for spectators and the lure operator. Expect further information on lure coursing from our area.

Sincerely
Brian W.L. Petrie
Kylemore Reg´d
Irish Wolfhounds

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Dear Brian,

It is really satisfying to see so many sighthound owners becoming more involved in their "charges". There are numerous people all over who are interested in experimenting with new coursing devices and techniques. How we I wish I had more time to do things like obstacles, hurdles etc. Please keep up informed on you progress.

Bud

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Dear Bud and Roberta,

Thank you for the complimentary copy of Lure Coursing News. I´ll be subscribing in a few weeks when I move to my new apartment in Connecticut (and I´ll be joining the Connecticut Sighthound Club for sure!).

I would like to make reference to Mary Nelson Stephenson´s letter in the June 75 issue of Lure Coursing News concerning the acquisition of hounds as status symbols. Afghans and Borzois are particularly beautiful animals and are therefore "obvious" -- you can hardly ignore a dog like that, expecially if you´ve never seen one before; they are rare. So some individuals purchase these dogs strickly for show, but not in the contest sense. The dogs, unfortunately, are being used -- to reflect that the owner is discriminating and elite. One wonders if those dogs are really loved.

True hound owners of course know they are discriminating but that is not the essence of owning the dog. The dog probably satisfys a visual aesthetic for them but they bought it primarily to show (in the contest sense) or course, and certainly to love.

And now, thanks to Lure Coursing News, hound lovers interested in coursing are united. Each page offers valuable information. I look forward to watching the magazine grow. Best Regards!!

Anthony Young

P.S.Yes, I do like your photo montage back covers!

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Dear Anthony,

You're very welcome. We sincerely hope that our sport had caught another devotee.

Bud and Roberta

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re: Mike Bashford's article in the July 75 issue of Lure Coursing News

I feel Mike Bashford's article needs commenting on. First I must state I would not like to have computer judges with computer minds, even if such a feat were possible. I agree that there is much to be worked out in judging, but I feel that more experience plus a good mental image of a good coursing hound will help. I totally disagree with the one judge for each category concept. I know that at this stage of our ASFA trials, attending a meet is like playing Russian roulette. Judges need LOTS more experience - I agree 100% - BUT - let us not segment our hounds. For example, in an obedience trial one judge could check for lagging, one for poor sits, one for forging, one for handler errors, etc. - but there still must remain the total picture of the dog, the fluidness of the way it works. O.K. - you could answer - but that's only one dog being judged. Fine - let's go further.

In the breed ring (and I refer specifically to the Specialities where we get an entry of over 100 or so) a judge is required to observe many things simultaneously. I suppose we could have a judge for the shoulders, a brisket judge, a hindquarters judge, a head judge, etc. - but the parts still have to come together, and at times the whole can be better than the sum of its parts - if you consider a hounds movement. What I mean is a hound could have correct conformation and yet due to the positioning of muscle mass, etc. be restricted in its movement and not be able to exhibit good reach and drive. I feel with more experiencee in seeing coursing, judges will be able to properly evaluate a hound. In fact, the very existence of the one referred to in Colorado proves this is not an impossibility.

Finally, let's not lose sight of the fact that coursing is a sport - a fun thing for us and our hounds to participate in. Winning is not the end all - Let's all be good sports, work out our problems together - and all have a good time!!

Enough said-
Sincerely,
Phyllis K. Roe
Etrigan Hounds

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Dear Phyllis,

Thanks you for sharing your views with us and our subscribers. We too feel that something has to be done to improve the quality of judging in our sport. And like you we are not exactly sure of the right thing to do to accomplish that goal. And we heartily endorse your suggestion "Let's all be good sports, work out our problems together - and all have a good time!!"

Bud and Roberta

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An open answer to Mike Bashford

Wow! I cannot believe the article I read in the July 1975 issue of Lure Coursing News was written by someone who has attended almost, if not every lure course in Southern California -- and even some out of the area! Considering that Mike is lacking in open field experience, maybe that is the reason.

I am going to spend a couple of minutes to answer a couple of his questions:

1. No judge has, nor claims to have a computer mind; however, my six-year-old son can watch a course, either lure or open field, and tell me which dog ran the best course. He may have a problem explaining why but I fully expect that, by the time he is ten, he will be able to tell me that, as well.

2. When judging a course, no judge is categorizing each dog. The judge is watching a performance of three dogs and making a decision as to which animal is giving the best performance. Upon completion of the course, it is the judge's responsibility to mark his score sheet as to why he felt as he did and how the run compared to the rest of the runs.

I am not saying this is easy and that even experienced judges won't make a mistake but it is not impossible and does not require a computer mind.

Since the hounds have been split into breeds only, where is the problem of judging agility? I am positive that 90% of the people judging, today, look for exactly the same qualities for agility and speed. I will agree there has been a problem or two, so far as

agility goes. At a couple of recent lure courses, I have seen a couple of dogs go down for different reasons. When a dog dives for the lure at a full run and goes down sliding, this does not mean he is lacking agility. When a dog slips on wet grass in a tight turn, this is not lacking agility. When a dog takes 200 yards to make a turn after a 100-yard straight, that is lacking agility.

Back to Mike: None of the categories are predetermined by the nature of the breed, since breeds are run separately for points. If the entire article was written simply for Best in Field competition, it is a lot of noise over a ribbon. There is a difference in opinion amongst judges in Best In Field competition. Many judges try to pick out which is Best of Breed; for instance, is the Irish Wolfhound a better Irish Wolfhound than the Greyhound is a Greyhound? I agree, this is impossible, since you are already judging the best of each breed. The only way one can judge a Best In Field is to forget breeds, totally. The only thing in the field is the jackets - and which jacket does the most work. But, once again, it is only for a ribbon, not points -- so big deal!!

I am still a bit lost as to the point of the article, in one paragraph Mike is speaking of the impossibility of judging breeds together, then, later, he is recommending going back to running all dogs in a mixed stake, again. It took the people running ASFA three years to learn the dangers of these mixed courses -- and now we should go back to them? What is the name of the game? Two steps forward and one back?

Mike stated, "The Saluki, Afghan and Borzoi show near equal capabilities". Also, "A Greyhound could even fit in this category". From this statement, alone, Mike has shown his complete lack of experience and ability to see different capabilities in each of the sight hound breeds.

This is getting silly. I, and many others, could continue to tear that article apart, line by line, but that is not important. The point is, if you are going to write about something, know your material and stay with the subject!

Don Papin
Southern California Whippet Association

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Dear Don,

Since you and Mike are good friends - as far as we know - we are printing your response pretty much as you wrote it. We are all pretty opinionated when it comes to something we put great value in, and that includes you Don and at least the Bud half of this enterprize. Don, there are a lot of lure coursing people, including quite a few judges, who cannot describe just why one hound is better than another - at least not in rigorously definable words.

Don, we know of your long lived interest in lure coursing as well as open field coursing. How about writing down exactly what you LOOK for in determining the winner of a course? We are sure that Mike would enjoy taking a pot shot at your views also. We would like to close this particular discussion with Phyllis Roe's words - Let's all be good sports, work out our problems together - and all have a good time!!

Bud and Roberta

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ZAHRA

SRINAGAR ZANANDE ZAHRA, F. CH.
September 1, 1972 -- December 21, 1975

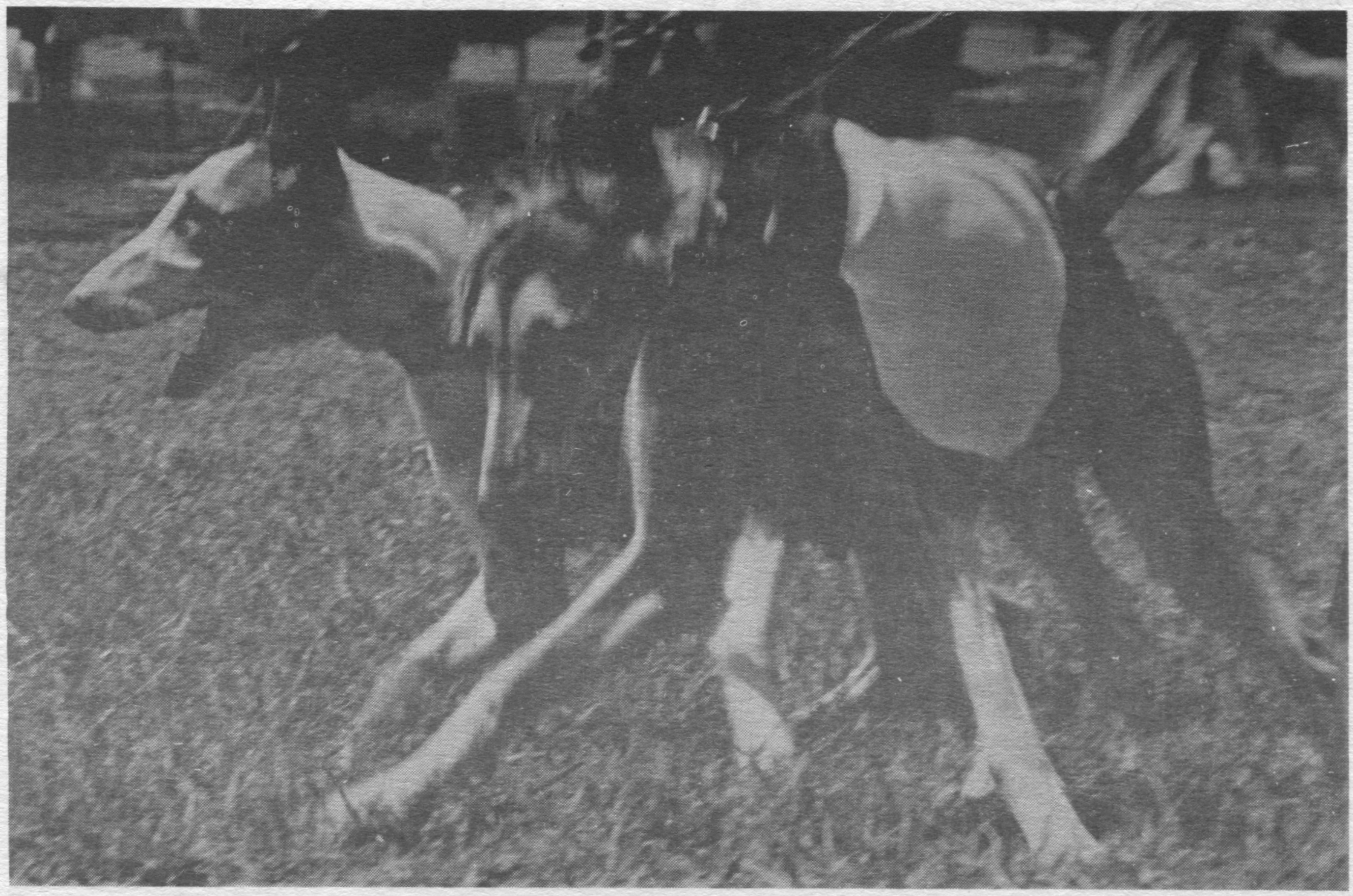

Photo by Roberta Pine.

The sport of lure coursing recently lost one of it's most enthusiastic and most loved hounds. Zahra died from injuries received in a very unfortunate accident on December 21, 1975.

From the moment she started lure coursing, she dominated the Saluki stakes. In the friendly competition at northern California lure courses, everyone wanted badly to surpass her. None ever did.

Those of us who were lucky enough to see her outstanding, surperb and unequaled skill at coursing will always remember being thrilled by her performance.

To many of us, Zahra will always be there on the coursing field - urging us on when it's our turn, and running her heart out when it's her 's.

To Howard Spivak and Susan Stafford, Zahra's loving and loved companions, the entire sport of lure coursing extends their deepest sympathy for their loss.

THE TOP TEN LURE COURSING SIGHTHOUNDS

LURE COURSING NEWS TOP TEN POINT SYSTEM

TOTAL means total Top Ten Points received by the hound.
BIF means the number of best in field placements.
BOB means the number of best of breed placements.
1 means the number of first placements.
2 means the number of second placements.
3 means the number of third placements.
4 means the number of fourth placements.
NBQ means the number of next best qualified placements.
SEX means the sex of the hound, (B) for bitch and (D) for dog.

Points are awarded to sighthounds who place in Open Breed Stakes, Open Mixed Stakes (prior to May 1, 1975) and non-regular Field Champion Stakes (prior to May 1, 1975) held at ASFA licensed lure field trials on the following basis.

ONE Top Ten Point is awarded for placing 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, or NBQ in one of the above stakes.
TWO Top Ten points are awarded for each placing hound beaten, including Field Champions and non-field champions who are judged by the same judges.
FOUR Top Ten points are awarded for each placing Feild Champion beaten who is judged by the same judges.

Statistics for the Top Ten System are compiled by Linda Blalock and Wendy Waller.

These point standings for 1975 are for results published in the Field Advisory News up to and including Volume 3, Number 7.

AFGHAN HOUNDS	TOTAL	BIF	BOB	1	2	3	4	NBQ	SEX
1. KYANTI´S MOON BANDIT, F.CH. C. & K. Relick	197		2	3	1	2	1	0	(D)
2. HIS MAJESTY´S LIBERTY BELLE, F.CH. C. & K. Relick	161			2	4	2	1	0	(B)
3. DUCUSHA´S ZARAH OF SHAHARAIM, F.CH. D. & G. Jones	160		1	3	0	1	0	0	(B)
4. YEV RAH PARMAHANSA NATARAJA, C.D., F.CH. L. Schmidt	151			2	2	3	0	2	(B)
5. KAYCHUCK´S AMBER LACE OF OLYMPUS, F.CH. M. & S. Adams	142	2	2	3	1	0	0	0	(B)
6. SHIVA´S SEBRINA OF TA DEVA, F.CH. R. LittleJohn	135			0	2	0	1	0	(B)
7. EL MARI SHASTA LA GRANDUER R. & S. Bangle	132			1	2	1	0	4	(D)
8. REDDY TO LOVE THRU KINDNESS, F.CH. M. & G. Harvey	126			2	0	1	1	0	(D)
9. SESAME´S STREAKED LIGHTNING, R. & L. Johnson	114			0	0	2	3	1	(D)
10. CHAKA´S CIRCE OF SESAME, F.CH. R. & L. Johnson	92			2	1	1	0	2	(B)

BORZOIS	TOTAL	BIF	BOB	1	2	3	4	NBQ	SEX
1. TOVARICH NICOLAS VOLKAVOY S. Copold	71	1	2	2	1	1	1	0	(D)
2. DUSTY ROSE OF RANCHO GABRIEL I Mitchell	69		2	2	1	0	0	0	(B)
3. UN SPICA OF GUM CREEK E. Huff	62		1	1	0	0	0	1	(B)
4. CH. LIRA OF BEE ALL, F.CH. Clawson	59			2	0	1	0	0	(B)
5. BUTLERHAVEN LIKA Walker	47		1	2	1	1	0	1	(B)
6. ANNA TROYKA OF RANCHO GABRIEL Holman	45		1	1	0	0	0	0	(B)
7. WILLOWVIEW'S ZOLTAN POOR-BOY, F.CH. Sevier	44			0	2	2	0	0	(D)
8. CH. APOLLO'S MALACHI DEL VIENTO, C.D., F.CH. Larsen	42		1	1	1	0	0	0	(D)
8. BOLSHOI NATASCHA, F.CH. I. & R. Grulich	42			2	0	0	0	0	(B)
8. OLESHA MASCHA R. Jamison	42	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	(B)

GREYHOUNDS	TOTAL	BIF	BOB	1	2	3	4	NBQ	SEX
1. SILVER OPERA OF WINDY-GLEN, F.CH. D. Papin & V. Eckel	330	1	2	7	3	1	1	0	(B)
2. SHEBA MEADOW, F.CH. B. L. Dowd	193	1	1	2	4	3	2	2	(B)
3. GRADEY, F.CH. J. & A. Hensley	166		2	3	2	1	0	1	(D)
4. POINT BREEZE SNOWDRIFT B. & J. Bulman	96		1	1	1	0	0	0	(B)
5. DUBLIN'S GOLDEN SAMSON R. Messamore	87			1	1	2	1	0	(D)
6. SEAMAIR'S CATAWBA, F.CH. D. Papin, Barlow & Burns	72		1	1	0	2	1	0	(B)
7. FLYING DEE DEE Kurtz	48		1	1	1	0	1	1	(B)
8. BEE BEE B. Hammond	41		1	1	0	0	0	0	(B)
9. LYNN AIR B. Hammond	40		1	1	1	0	0	0	(B)
10. ABLE B. Hammond	39			0	1	0	0	0	(D)
10. CH. RUDLES ROMANTIC RECITAL S. Lackey	39			1	0	0	0	0	(D)

IRISH WOLFHOUNDS	TOTAL	BIF	BOB	1	2	3	4	NBQ	SEX
1. TIMBERLANE DAWN, F.CH. G. & S. Turnage	198		2	2	3	1	0	0	(B)
2. VIVA'S MEGAN O'SHEA OF PERN,F.CH. S.K. Cromer & P. Rothwell	148			4	0	3	0	1	(B)
3. THE MAC INTOSH OF LIMERICK J. & C. Souza	113		1	1	1	2	1	0	(D)
4. MAC DUFF OF LIMERICK J. C. Souza	65		1	1	1	0	3	0	(D)
5. CH. JUST PLAIN JOSHUA MURPHY, F.CH. Keplinger	56		2	2	1	1	0	0	(D)
6. CH. CATCH THE WIND'S LIONA R. & M. Turner	40			0	1	2	1	0	(B)
6. TESS OF MURPHEE S. & K. Le Van	40		2	2	0	1	1	0	(B)
8. COLM REDWING STAR Fitzgerald	39		1	1	0	0	0	0	(D)
9. CH. FLEETWOOD ROISE OF RONOR E. & R. Northcott	36		1	1	1	0	2	2	(B)
9. SAMMUELLA OF TIPPERARY G. Odum	36		1	2	0	0	0	0	(B)

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1. SRINAGAR ZANANDE ZAHRA, F.CH. *Deceased* H. Spivak & Srinagar	341		2	5	2	1	1	0	(B)
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7. ALJERNON'S YAQUI OF BEELZEBUB, F.CH. G. Roush	134	1	2	2	3	3	0	0	(D)
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10. JEN ARABY TALISMAN, F.CH. G. Roush	103			1	3	1	0	2	(D)

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2. GORDON'S LORD OF SKYE Akers	40		3	3	0	0	1	0	(D)
3. GAYLEWARD'S TIPPITYWITCHET Longfellow	19		1	1	0	0	0	0	(B)
3. MURBROOK'S SHOSHONE IAN Landrith/Estabrooks	19			0	1	0	0	0	(D)
5. HIGHSTONE'S GAEL MCTAVISH Atkinson	17			0	0	1	0	0	(B)
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8. GEORDAN HEATH OF CONEJO RUN G. Odum	11			0	1	0	0	0	(D)
8. JONAH OF GROENT Harvey	11		1	1	0	0	0	0	(D)
8. WILDWOOD'S AYR OF MORAY Benson & Robertson	11			0	2	1	0	0	(B)

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1. WYNRICK HI INTENSITY, F.CH. E. Rickard	305			2	2	5	0	2	(D)
2. ZEPHYR, C.D., F.CH. D. Blalock & E. Blalock	295	2	2	3	0	1	3	0	(D)
3. CH. GRIM REAPER OF DARBE, F.CH. D. & B. Troxel	263			5	1	1	1	1	(D)
4. MOJO'S CABARET, F.CH. K. Martin	257			0	4	0	2	1	(B)
5. SHERIDAN SEABISCUIT, C.D.X., F.CH. B. Leone	256			2	2	3	3	0	(D)
6. WYNRICK FIRST MAGNITUDE, F.CH. E. Rickard	250		1	3	2	1	0	2	(B)
7. ROLLING'S JAMAICA JUBILEE, F.CH. T. & B. Leone & L. Jones	227		2	3	1	1	0	0	(B)
8. LADY PENELOPE HART, F.CH. J. Dike	214	1	1	3	1	1	1	2	(B)
9. WILLOW HOLLOW LADY WINIFRED, F.CH. K. Martin	182			1	1	2	0	2	(B)
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March 6	TX.	Lubbock Lubbock Afghan Hound Club
March 6	CA.	Palo Alto Lure Tronic Co. (training session - Basenjis only)
March 7	CA.	San Jose Mission Trail Borzoi Club
March 7	NJ.	Willingboro Afghan Hound Club of Southern New Jersey (practice session)
March 13-14	NE.	Las Vegas American Sighthound Field Association - Annual Conference
March 14	NJ.	Willingboro Afghan Hound Club of Southern New Jersey (practice session)
March 15	TX.	Friendswood American Saluki Association (all sighthound breeds)
March 21	PA.	West Chester Borzoi Club of Delaware Valley (practice session)
March 28	NJ.	Willingboro Afghan Hound Club of Southern New Jersey (practice session)
March 28	PA.	West Chester Borzoi Club of Delaware Valley (practice session)
April 3-4	PA.	West Chester jointly - Delaware Valley Afghan Hound Club & Borzoi Club of Delaware Valley (all sighthound breeds)
April 4	NJ.	Willingboro Afghan Hound Club of Southern New Jersey (practice session)
April 10	CA.	Los Angeles Borzoi Club of California (all sighthound breeds)
April 11	TX.	Lubbock Afghan Hound Club of Lubbock (all sighthound breeds)
April 11	NJ.	Willingboro Afghan Hound Club of Southern New Jersey (practice session)
April 17	CA.	Azusa Great Western Whippet Association (all sighthound breeds)
April 25	CA.	Palo Alto Northern California Whippet Fanciers Association
April 25	CT.	Willington Connecticut Sighthound Club (practice session)
April 25	NM.	Alburquerque Alburquerque Whippet Fanciers
May 2	NJ.	Willingboro Afghan Hound Club of Southern New Jersey (practice session)
May 8	CA.	Palo Alto Saluki Club of Greater San Francisco (Salukis only)
May 9	CT.	Willington Connecticut Sighthound Club
May 9	CA.	San Jose Northern California Irish Wolfhound Club (Irish Wolfhounds only)
May 9	CA.	Palo Alto American Saluki Association (Salukis only)
May 15-16	PA.	West Chester jointly - Delaware Valley Afghan Hound Club & Borzoi Club of Delaware Valley (all sighthound breeds)
May 16	NJ.	Willingboro Afghan Hound Club of Southern New Jersey (practice session)
May 23	CT.	Willington Connecticut Sighthound Club (practice session)
May 23	VA.	Springfield Potomac Afghan Hound Club (symposium on lure coursing)
May 24	VA.	Springfield Potomac Afghan Hound Club (practice session)
May 29	MO.	St. Louis Scottish Deerhound Club of America (Scottish Deerhounds only)
May 30	NJ.	Willingboro Afghan Hound Club of Southern New Jersey (practice session)
June 6	AZ.	Phoenix Borzoi Club of Greater Phoenix (Borzoi Only)
June 6	NJ.	Willingboro Afghan Hound Club of Southern New Jersey (practice session)
June 12-13	IL.	Antioch Midwest Coursing Club
June 13	NJ.	Willingboro Afghan Hound Club of Southern New Jersey (practice session)
June 19	VT.	Bennington Mohawk Hudson Afghan Hound Association (all breeds)
June 20	NJ.	Willingboro Afghan Hound Club of Southern New Jersey (practice session)
June 27	CT.	Willington Connecticut Sighthound Club (practice session)
June 27	CA.	Palo Alto Northern California Whippet Fanciers Association
July 4	MI.	Troy Michigan Gazehound Association
July 5	IL.	Sandwich American Saluki Association (all sighthound breeds)
July 24	CA.	Santa Barbara American Saluki Association (Salukis only)
July 25	CT.	Willington Connecticut Sighthound Club (practice session)
August 22	CT.	Willington Connecticut Sighthound Club (practice session)
August 29	CA.	Palo Alto Northern California Whippet Fanciers Association
September 4	IL.	Sandwich American Saluki Association (all sighthound breeds).
September 5	IL.	Sandwich Midwest Coursing Club
September 6	IL.	Sandwich Chicagoland Irish Wolfhound Club (all sighthound breeds).
September 12	CA.	San Rafael Saluki Club of Greater San Francisco (Salukis only)
September 26	PA.	West Chester American Saluki Association (all sighthound breeds).
September 26	CT.	(to be announced) Connecticut Sighthound Club (practice session)

October 10	CT.	(to be announced) Connecticut Sighthound Club
October 16-17	PA.	West Chester jointly - Delaware Valley Afghan Hound Club & Borzoi Club of Delaware Valley (all sighthound breeds)
October 30	CA.	Palo Alto Northern California Whippet Fanciers Association (Whippets only)
November 14	CT.	(to be announced) Connecticut Sighthound Club
November 16-17	PA.	West Chester jointly - Delaware Valley Afghan Hound Club & Borzoi Club of Delaware Valley (all sighthound breeds)

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Dear Lure Coursing News Subscribers,

We would like to apologize for letting so many of our subscribers down by not publishing LCN for so long. WE APOLOGIZE. There are many reasons why this happened and none of them are really an adequate excuse. We very much have a continuing interest in this sport of lure coursing and we intend to continue to publish this magazine as long as we receive the kind of support that you have shown to us. Please be assured that you will receive the full number of issues you´ve paid for. From the number of new subscriptions that keep arriving every week, there is great interest in the sport. We thank you for your past and future support.

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Ch. RUGAY ASPOR OF PHEASANT HILL, C.D., F.Ch.

Photo by William P. Gilbert.

Shown as BOB at Carroll Co K.C., Westminster, M.D. 5/18/75 under Mr. Heywood Hartley, where he went on to GROUP III under Mrs. Augustus Riggs IV. Handler: Polly Clement.

Next RUGAY became the East's first "TRIPLE CROWN" CHAMP on June 8, at Vale Vue Kennels in his third licensed Lure Field Trial.

On June 15, he was again chosen BOB at Burlington Co. K.C., Ft. Dix, NJ by Mrs. John B. Patterson. And on June 22 he placed first in the open Borzoi Stake, and was second to a Whippet in the BIF competition at the Connecticut Sighthound Club's practice lure field trial in Willington, CT. Meanwhile, on May 31 and June 1 he blew (oops) his first two tries for the C.D.X. by refusing to jump after a slight injury at home.

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ON RUNNING A LURE FIELD TRIAL

By Wendy Waller, Field Trial Secretary - Saluki Club of Greater San Francisco

So you finally gave in to your masochistic instincts and volunteered to be your club's Trial Secretary? Well, you are in for a lot of work, a lot of aggravations, and a lot of fun. Being trial secretary is a big job, but the satisfaction of seeing a well-run lure course, and all the happy people who have enjoyed the day, and, most of all, all the happy dogs who have run their best for the sheer joy of it, win or lose, is well worth the effort put out.

One more thing, before I start the suggestions proper. All these things were learned the hard way, either by my experience or the experience of one of my helpers, particularly Bud Pine. I also learned a great deal from Laurie Johnson, Trial Secretary for the Northern California Afghan Hound Club. To them, many thanks.

PART 1: EARLY PLANNING

The first two things that must be decided are the trial date and site. Apply for a date to the Scheduling Chairman of ASFA, then, when it is confirmed, look around for a site. Your site should be fenced, be (relatively) free of ruts, holes and other hidden obstacles. It should be large enough for the course plan that you want to use. And, of course, available on the date you plan. A hint on getting permission to use a site. Don't call it "a sort of dog race", as dog racing is illegal in many places. Call it instead a "simulated hunt, using a lure, etc." Also, emphasize that it doesn't cost the spectators anything to watch. Only the exhibitors have an entry fee. Get permission in writing - those 15 burly fellows who want to play football in the middle of the course might insist on doing it.

Next, the judges. Don't just accept anyone who wants to judge. Get people who are either accepted judges, or who are avid coursers that have apprentice judged. Also, remember that a judge cannot run his dog in a course that he is judging, so it would be wise not to ask your IW owner to judge IWs (except in special cases).

Officials. They are the hardest thing to come by at a lure course. Unfortunately, most people interested in lure coursing want only to attend courses, not help at them. A few of the same people will always be the biggest helpers. Anyway, try for these:

Field clerks (at least 2, best 3) and try to get at least one that has done it before. Also, it is best not to be one of them yourself, unless absolutely necessary. You'll have plenty to do yourself, and if one of your planned ones can't make it, you will need to help out anyway.

Huntmasters (try for two but one will do) who are experienced lure course enthusiasts. They know how important a good slip is.

Lure operators (two is good) preferably someone who owns a machine of the type you are using.

Also, any member of your Field Committee that is not helping with a specific task should be available to help with general things.

If your club has a lure machine, see to it that one of the lure operators confirms it to be in working order and all there before the day of the course. If your club borrows one belonging to a member, have the owner confirm it.

Blankets! I cannot stress enough the importance of having blankets. You simply cannot have a course without blankets. Don't put it off until the last minute. Get them now! (Believe me, I learned this the hard way!)

Also, get all the forms (judges sheets, score sheets) clipboards, score charts, and misc. items well ahead of time. Don't leave it until the last moment - you'll have more than enough to do and not enough time to do it.

PART 2: THE PREMIUM LIST

Next, you make up your premium lists. The layout is up to you, but it should contain the following information:

Front:

1. Club name
2. The words "Premium List"
3. Course Date
4. Closing date
5. Location
6. Entry limit if any
7. Entry fee
8. Permission granted by ASFA (for wording, look at a present premium.)

Inside:

1. Club officers
2. Field committee
3. Officials
4. Judges, and what breed(s) each is judging
5. Ribbon and trophy information
6. Stake information, i.e., if there is to be a puppy stake, plus whatever else
7. The fee and limit, if any, should be listed again
8. Draw time
9. How to get there
10. Whether or not entries will be confirmed
11. Trial Secretary's name, address, and phone
12. The warning that "Incomplete, unsigned, conditional, or unpaid entries will not be accepted."
13. Misc. information, e.g. trios, must be over 1 year, etc

Backside:

1. Club's name
2. Trial secretary's name and address
3. Closing date and limit if any
4. The words "Premium List" and "dated Material"

Also, somewhere in the list must be the course plan.

A word of advice. Except in special cases, such as a specialty lure course after a confirmation show or match, don't have entries open on the day. It is too much of a hassle, to get a few extra entries (maybe).

The premium list also includes the entry forms. They should be the standard ASFA forms, and on them should be Date, place, club name, fee, closing date, limit, the thing about complete entries, and trial Secretary's name, address. Oh - almost forgot - somewhere should be the words Make check payable to ---. Now, get your clubs mailing list, and if you're a new coursing club, perhaps the list from another local club. If possible, set it up so that you can make Xerox mailing labels from it - it saves so much time and hand cramping. Stamp and address your premiums, with at least two entries in each, and mail them at least 18 days before the closing date - but not too soon, as people tend to set them aside,, or lose them, or whatever. Later, update your mailing list as undeliverable premiums are returned, and from the entries you receive for the course.

I suggest that your confirm your judges and officials by mail around 3 weeks before the course, and replace anyone who must bow out for whatever reason. Ask them to get there quite early, too.

PART 3: AS YOUR ENTRIES COME IN

As your entries come in, Check these points:

1. the entry must be complete, call-name, reg.#, breeders, every space except sequence # must be filled in.

2. the entry MUST be signed.

3. see that the proper entry fee is enclosed.

4. see that the dog is the proper age for the stake it is entered in, i.e., 6 mo. - 1 year for puppy stakes, and 1 year or over for open or field champion.

Then, when your have confirmed all that, assign each dog a sequence number. My method of numbering, which seems to be rather widely used, is host breed open stake entries start with #6 (not #1, to avoid confusion with placements,), F.CH. stake entries with #51. There breeds would be number, for example, Afghans, open, #101, F.CH. #151, Borzoi, open, #201, F.CH., #251, etc. At a specialty course, open with #6, and F.Ch. with #101 is best.

My next suggestion is to make a file card on each entry. Put all the information on the entry form on the file card. Then put all the original entry forms away, by breed and stake, and if you need information on any entry , use the file card. This lessens the risk of losing or misplacing the original entry. Also, make draw slips for each entry, with sequence #, call name, owner's name, and stake, leaving room to write course number and blanket for both runs, plus a rerun, if needed. One more thing that is very important - DO NOT HESITATE TO REFUSE AN ENTRY THAT IS INCOMPLETE! Maybe they can get away with leaving off the call name, but I for one am getting pretty fired of assuming that Red's Ralph of Whatchamacallit is call named Ralph, only to have the owner indignantly inform me that of course he's not called Ralph, his name is Fido! So, owners, please remember the call name!

Two more things to get done ahead of time: 1. make some type of score chart. There are many types - a piece of poster board, ruled into sections, a board covered with mylar (or some such plastic) with permanently ruled lines that scores can be wiped off. Cork board that has slips of paper thumbtacked on, even a second set of score sheets tacked or taped

to a board. Use your imagination! 2. Make some provision for lunch, coffee, refreshments, etc., for the officials, and especially the judges. It is my opinion that a club should provide this for them. Remember, NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES MAY BE CONSUMED BY AN OFFICIAL OR JUDGE WHILE THEY ARE OFFICIATING. This does not include the lure re-stringer, as that is not an official.

PART 4: THE NIGHT BEFORE THE COURSE

The night before your course, get everything together! Put all your papers in a box with a lid or a small cardboard filing cabinet. Take all entries - if there is any question, you want to have them on hand. I also suggest that you bring, in a very secure place, all entries fees received. (They should be all checks or money orders.) It is nice to have them on hand, for example, in case a dog is not permitted to run because of season, or lameness, you can return the fee right then and there. Make a checklist of everything you need to take to the course, and use it. Some specific thing NOT to forget are: blankets, all that paperwork, all the necessary forms, pens, pencils (Plenty!) a pencil sharpener, score chart, as many tables as possible (I never seem to have enough room!), a CALCULATOR if at all possible, ribbons, trophies, a measuring device, chairs (again, as many as possible, though YOU will probably never get to sit down), lure machine and all its paraphernalia, a pooper scooper, bags, for trash, and so on. Some of this stuff you can delegate, like the lure machine to its operator, etc. But bring it all, some way or another. (Eek, I forgot CLIPBOARDS! Don´t you forget them!)

PART 5: AT THE TRIAL

Arrive VERY early. Get your stuff set up, hopefully with the help of your field clerks. You, or someone else trustworthy, should thoroughly check the field for hazards, and the fence for holes. As to the hazard problem, at our last course, on a beautiful huge fenced field, a broken car window was discovered. As much as possible was removed, and the remaining slivers were covered with a blanket, and the course set up way away from that area. Can you imagine what might have happened if the course had been set up any where near it and a dog swung wide? Also, remove anything that might distract the dogs or resemble a lure. When this is done, have whoever is responsible set up the course and try it at least once.

Now the Roll Call. NEVER start it earlier than stated in the premium. Speak (or better, shout), each dogs call name and number. You might also try the owners name. You can use your file cards for this, or make up a check list. Above all, be LOUD. Give people a reasonable time to gather and respond, but if your roll call was announced to be at 9 in the premium, and you finally do the call at 9:30, and they aren´t there, they´re absent. If you do do the roll call promptly and on time, don´t give late-comers too many "just 5 more minutes". Remember, it is their responsibility to be there on time!

Now for the Draw and examining the dogs for breed disqualifications, lameness, and being in season- see your ASFA rule book for breed disqualifications. During or directly after the roll call, either the field chairman or someone delegated by him, should be checking ALL bitches for season, and ALL hounds for lameness, as well as the breed disqualifications. Meanwhile, you and the field clerks should be doing the draw. Remember, dogs of the same owner must be in different stakes if possible, and if there is only one stake, different courses if possible. Occasionally this is not possible, such as when the only entries in a breed are all owned by the same person. After course # and blanket # are assigned for the preliminary courses, list them on your score chart. As soon as the check for lameness, etc., is finished, announce the first two courses. After that, try to keep hounds blanketed at least one course ahead of possible, and have them ready to go as soon as the lure is restrung. Don´t forget to list all the courses on your official score sheets.

After each course, collect the judges sheets. Watch for these points:

1. see that they are complete: initials, which course, all those boxes at the top should be marked.

2. get a sheet from each judge for each course, even if the dogs do not run.

3. check to see that the scores are correct - this can fall into several categories a. make sure they didn´t give more points that allowed for that category. b. a pre-slip is -10 from each judge, only! no -5 or that sort of thing. (course delay penalty is different -0 to -10 per judge.) c. if a dog is to be dismissed or disqualified must be by agreement of both judges.

When you have ascertained that these points are okay, RE-ADD and RE-ADD and RE-ADD the judges scores, with a calculator if possible, if not, have at least 2 and preferably 3 people add them a couple of times each. This applys to ALL times when you add scores. Keep checking them! If you find a mistake in the judges addition, take it back to the judge and have him correct and initial it. If you have any doubts about what a figure is (some of the judges have rather sloppy handwriting) don´t hesitate to ask. Next, enter these scores on the proper place on the score sheets, add them together, and enter the total. (Do it in pencil). Then, after all addition has been checked again, enter it on the score chart.

After all preliminaries have been run, and all reruns, if any, have been run, draw for the second run. Don´t forget to remove the draw slips for the dogs that have been dismissed, disqualified, or withdrawn. Proceed as in the preliminaries, and I cannot emphasize enough the need to check and recheck and recheck all scores. I learned the hard way - don´t make the same mistake.

After all courses have been run, and any run-offs for placements due to ties have been run,again recheck scores before announcing placements. Hand out your ribbons and trophies, and the BOB winners run for the BIF award (if you´re offering it). Proceed the same as before.

Clean up and pack up. Rest. You need it.

PART 6: AFTER THE COURSE

Finish filling out your score sheets with registered name and number if you have already done it. Now, sit in a comfortable chair and recheck the scores AGAIN. Then, make copies of all score sheets, judges sheets, entry forms, etc. The reason for copies is that the originals could get lost in the mail. Then send all originals, plus the per capital fee, to the ASFA Recording Secretary.

I learned a great deal of these things by either not doing it or doing it wrong. I hope that my experiences will help other new Trial Secretaries, esp, in areas where lure coursing is new and you have no one to advise you. Have fun! (I do!)

P.S. Read and re-read your ASFA rule book and have all your officials do likewise!

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Dear lure coursing advisor

Send your questions to LURE COURSING NEWS. Representative questions will be answered in this column.

Q. Where is the "end" of the course?

A. The end of a course is basically anywhere near the lure machine that the judges decide that it is. Many if not most judges mentally decide before any hounds are run where it will be. Often this is 25 to 50 yards before the last turn to the lure machine.

Q. Can the judges dismiss a hound who is very very aggressive just prior to the Tally-ho?

A. Yes, the judges can basically dismiss any hound they are judging for just about any real reason they want. The catch-all excuse is delay of the course (see section 6 paragraph 3. on page 4.). There have even been judges who tried to dismiss hounds who got loose that they were not even judging on that day. This is one of the more ambiguous aspects of our running rules.

Q. Why can´t the record sheets be filled in the night before a lure course?

A. They can be filled in before the event. There are some people - notably Betty Blalock, ASFA Recording Secretary - who prefer them to be in order of the preliminary stake (and that cannot be done until after the roll call and draw on the day of the event). There are others who prefer to do as much as possible ahead of time even if it makes for a little more work on the day of the event. But specifically, many clubs fill these in before the event.

Q. Can you mix the Field Champions in with the Open dogs for purposes of running?

A. Yes, but only in the instance when there is only one dog running in either the F. Ch. or Open stake. If there is only one dog in a stake then that dog can be mixed in with the dogs of the other stake before the draw is made. The Field Clerk must however clearly mark the record sheet so that it is readily apparrent who ran in which stake with which blanket color.

Q. What can be done about dogs that get loose from the gallery?

A. Not a whole heck of a lot. Fortunately this problem is not a really big one. For clubs who have big problems in this area, I suggest that they request permission from ASFA to put an additional condition - such as a $5.00 loose dog fine - in the premium list. That way all exhibitors would have lots of incentive to keep their dogs from getting loose.

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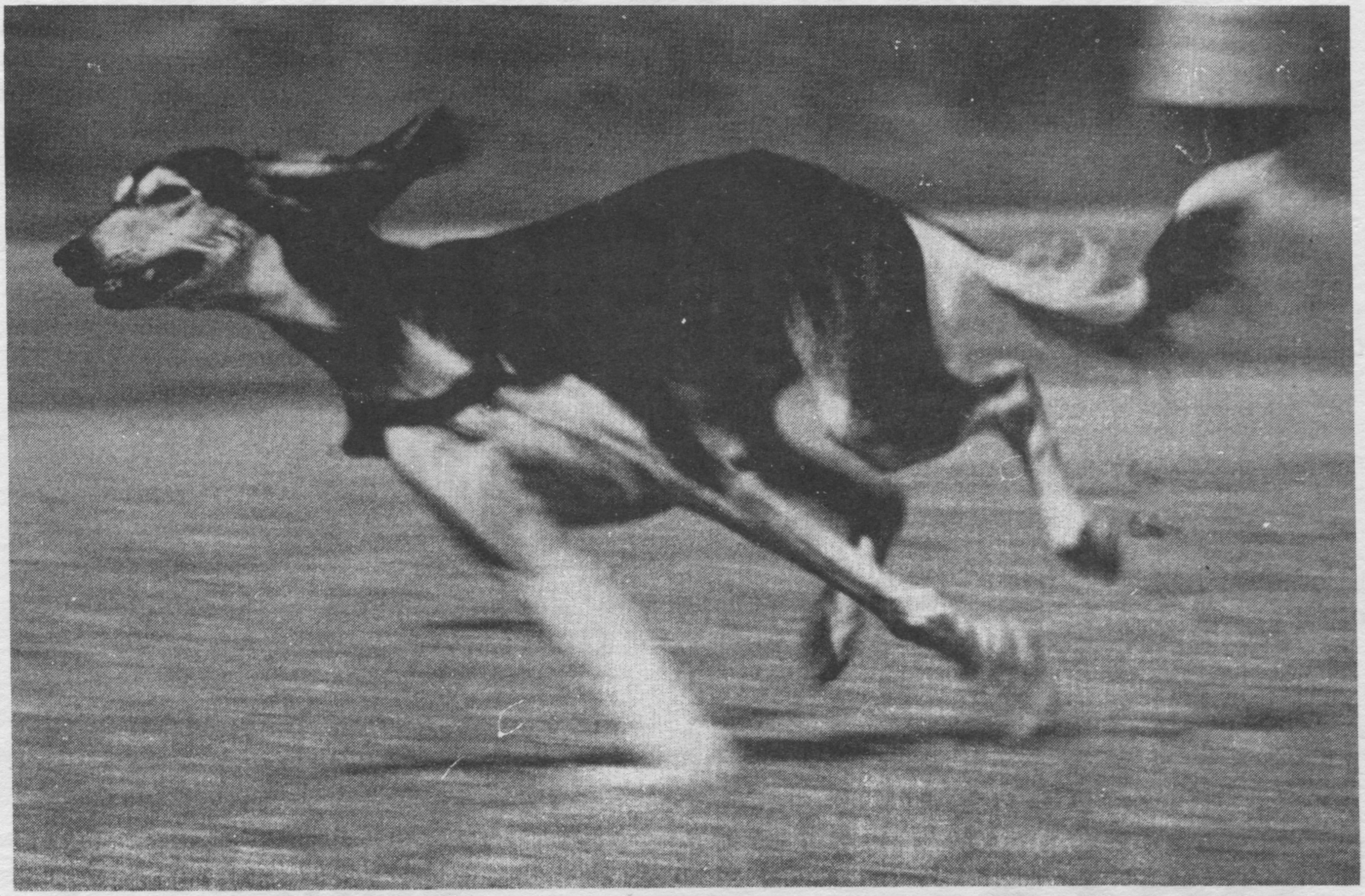

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CH. SRINAGAR SAKUNA INDRA X CH. SRINAGAR RAMYA KHINMARA, F. CH.
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SHAHEEN finished his F. CH. at the age of 19 months. In his first 2 courses as a F. CH. at the ASA Specialty recently in July and the SCGSF Specialty in September, he placed 1st and BOB over large entries. Despite a cut pad, he placed 4th at the ASFA Invitational in November, only 1 point behind the 3-way tie for first. SHAHEEN runs only in the F. CH. stake. Now that he is maturing, his show career will start in earnest, but still watch for him in the field.

SHAHEEN's complete record

74 Several puppy wins
December 74 (mixed) did not place
January 75 (mixed) did not place
February 75 SCGSF (breed) 1st
February 75 NCWFA (mixed) 3rd
May 75 NCAHC 1st
May 75 MTBC 1st, BOB
July 75 SCGSF 1st finished F. CH.

July 75 ASA Specialty 1st, BOB (58 entries
September 75 SCGSF Specialty 1st, BOB (44 entries)
October 75 CCAHC 2nd
October 75 NCWFA 1st, BOB
October 75 MTBC 1st, BOB
October 75 MTBC dismissed
November 75 ASFA Invitational 4th
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